

WOMAN SQUEALS; NEGROES JAILED

Hazel Johnson Turns State's Evidence
and Declares She Paid H. C.
Wilson Graft.

TRIAL FOLLOWS RAID ON HOUSE

Police Court Gets Inside Story of
Operations Carried on in Black
Underworld.

Hazel Johnson, colored, turned state's evidence in police court last night and "came clean" to see the police vernacular. "If I'm going to spill at a H, I might as well spill the whole wad," was the way she put it to the court.

For want of she had been paying H. C. Wilson, colored, rent for a room at his house, 329 Twenty-second street, where she, Wilson, and Velma Wright, also colored, were arrested late last night. Wilson admitted receiving rental from her. For weeks, too, she had been paying Wilson a "rake off," and he admitted this. Recently Wilson became overbearing and when her liberty was threatened, Hazel rebelled.

"I'm for penit all the time, Judge," she said. "But if I can't have peace, I'm a regular warrior, especially if I have a few in me. Well, last night a party came to the door of the rooming house and asked for me. Wilson called me all right and I went to see who it was. I talked with the party for a time, and then Wilson gets kind of peevish and gives me a bawling for staying at the door so long.

"That wasn't the first time he's gotten natty with me. Why I guess he thought he owned me lately trying to tell me that I could only go out one night a week. As I said, I don't look for trouble, but when Wilson started to call me, why it was all off with the white dove stuff. I became belligerent and, well, he was all pished. We had it out.

"I started to pack my clothes to leave the place, but Wilson wouldn't let me go. He held onto a new suit I just had gotten and said I couldn't have it. Now, Judge, I don't care what you do to me. I'll either pay a fine or go to jail. I never raise a 'halter' about what the court thinks is justice, but whatever you do to me, hang Wilson."

Horn as warning.
Wilson's face was all wreathed in smiles. He admitted part of the Johnson woman's story and part he denied. He even admitted a statement made by Detective Schuett in the

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RURAL CLUB GIVES \$3 TO SANTA FUND

Flower Society Remembers Poor Children of City and Asks That Money Go to Them.

OTHER CONTRIBUTES DOLLAR

Good Fellows Asking for Names of Tots to Whom They Wish to Play Patron Saint.

LUTHERANS HOLD DISTRICT SESSION

Twenty-second Annual Convention of
Tri-City League Opens in
Moline.

The 22nd annual convention of the Tri-City District Lutheran league opened at the First Lutheran church, Moline, this afternoon with the following societies represented: Luther league, Emmanuel church, Moline; Young People's society, First Swedish church, Moline; Luther league, Grace English church, Rock Island; Young People's society, First Swedish church, Rock Island; Luther league, St. Paul's church, Davenport; Young People's society, Salem church, Moline, and Luther league, Trinity church, Moline.

Following the singing of the rally hymn of the league, Rev. Edward Ekstrom conducted devotional services and Miss Lillian Blanche of Davenport gave a piano number. Business was taken up with the report of the executive committee, roll call of societies, reading of minutes, reports of officers and committees, and the election of officers.

August N. Brisman gave a report of the 1915 state convention. At 6:30 this evening the banquet will be served in the church dining room. Rev. C. J. Bengtson is the toastmaster and the general subject for the convention is "God's Household," the following give talks: Miss Ruby Gronner, "Strangers;" Arthur Fryxell, "Sojourners;" Joseph Faust, "Follow Children;" and Rev. Samuel Miller, "Children."

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the following program will be carried out: Organ Voluntary—Miss Wilhelmina Wietrand.

Hymn.
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. H. O. Nothmann.
Tollin Solo—Elliott Oakes.
Selection—Mendelssohn Quartet, Augustana College.
Address—J. Alfred Lundgren.
Vocal Solo—Miss Ruth Benker.
Offertory—Miss Wilhelmina Wietrand.
Selection—Mendelssohn Quartet, Augustana College.
Hymn—Luther League Rally Hymn.
Benediction.

Vulcan coke, \$3.50 per ton. Telephone Moline 506.

Interest in the work of The Argus Santa Claus fund is not confined to the city alone. The rural communities have taken up the cause and yesterday there came to the committee \$3, contributed by the Flower society of Rural, an organization composed of women in the community who do for those less fortunate than themselves. Also during the day there came several checks for larger and smaller sums, and included in the amount contributed was a dollar bill from a man who works as caretaker of one of the public buildings of the city. This man has never failed in the six years of the fund organization to contribute his dollar toward the fund for poor children.

Good fellows are taking an active interest in the enterprise and already a number of applications have been received by the committee asking for a certain number of children to whom they wish to play Santa Claus. These names will be supplied just as soon as the committee has completed its list when it will be able to pick out those families which need the care especially of good fellows. Good fellows must understand, though, that when they are supplied with the names of children, those names are taken from the list of the committee, and if the good fellow falls down in his responsibility to them the children will go Christmasless. The only trouble the committee has ever found in caring for the children's Christmas is in this very fact, that good fellows have neglected to carry out their obligation, or in the misunderstanding of them in the care of the children.

Contributions Come to Fund.

Contributions come to the fund with each mail, but the sums are not large and it takes many to make an amount large enough to provide cheer for the many that must be looked after. Christmas is fast approaching and the committee must have more funds before it can begin its purchase of Christmas gifts for the poor children of the city. Don't leave any children in the city wake Christmas morning to find empty stockings. You were once a child and you know how for weeks you looked forward to the day of days and imagined that your stocking would bulge with everything imaginable.

The children of the poor want just those things that you wanted when you were a child and they want them just as badly as did you. The Argus is trying to fill those empty stockings with good cheer.

It is really amusing the things that the children ask for in their letters to The Argus Santa. A letter that came yesterday asks Santa to bring a steam shovel to a boy who says he is 6, another wants a real automobile with a crank attached and another pleads for his teacher, whom he declares he loves. Letters from the tots come with every mail, each is filed and investigated as to its merits before any help is given the petitioner. The committee has begun its work in the interest of the Christmas fund and the members are making a careful canvass of the entire city and the outlying districts, ascertaining the number of children who are to be taken care of, where they are located, what they most desire, etc. The work is a big one and takes weeks to accomplish.

Send your contributions to The Argus Santa Claus committee and don't forget that Christmas is only 20 days away.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG EXPIRES IN CHICAGO

George B. Armstrong, at one time owner of the Davenport Gazette, is dead at his home in Chicago. At the time of his death he was publisher of the Piano Trade, a monthly mercantile publication.

Mr. Armstrong was one of the old-time newspaper men of the west. He was the oldest son of Colonel George B. Armstrong, originator and founder of the United States railway mail service, and he was one of the Ogden cadets who did military duty at home while their elders were at the front during the Civil war. He was graduated from the Chicago high school and the Union College of Law.

He began his newspaper career in Chicago with the Inter Ocean in May, 1874, and continued with that paper for eight years as music and art critic and city editor. President Arthur made him registrar of public lands in Dakota territory. He established the Daily Times at Huron, S. D., and aided in the organization of the Huron National bank, of which he was vice president. He bought the Davenport, Iowa, Gazette and edited it for two years and became a special writer on the Detroit Free Press. Later he was editorial writer and music critic on the Chicago Evening Post.

He then left the newspaper field for the trade magazines and became editor and publisher of the Piano Trade. He was a member of the board of education, a member of the Chicago public library board, and was one of the organizers of the Press club of Chicago.

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BUY REFINERY IN OKLAHOMA FIELDS

Illinois Oil Company Takes Possession
of Properties Costing \$285,000
Near Cushing.

The Illinois Oil company today took possession of a refinery and oil field near Cushing, Okla., according to a telegram received by C. M. Welch from representatives of the concern who had gone southwest to make the purchase. The deal was closed yesterday and the cost was announced at \$285,000 by Mr. Welch.

The new property will enable the local oil company to double its present output per day, which Mr. Welch declared was 1,000 barrels. The new field and refinery has produced 1,200 gallons of refined oil per day, but the capacity is considerably greater. There are six wells on the tract.

The refined oil will be shipped to Rock Island in oil tank cars and will be placed in barrels here. J. M. Welch, F. P. Welch and J. J. Taxman represented the company in Cushing when the deal was closed.

Release Young Man.
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WOLTERS TO ATTEND GREETERS' MEETING

Ben H. Wolters, clerk at the New Harper house, will represent the Tri-City Greeters' club at Salt Lake City next summer when the National Association of Greeters holds its convention. He was elected at a meeting of the tri-city organization held at the Kimball hotel in Davenport Thursday. The Greeters' club will give a dance at the Black Hawk hotel in Davenport in January. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the event. The committee is George Martin, manager of the Colonial, Rock Island; Pearl Cheek, clerk at the Manufacturers', Moline, and Walter Black, clerk at the Black Hawk. A. D. Mackey, clerk at the Colonial, was elected to membership in the club.

MATHEVILLE

The Odd Fellows had an initiation here Wednesday evening. Lester Lee of Rock Island visited here a few days the past week. Robert Raibeck has moved into the house vacated by Frank Russell. Pete Connor spent the week end at his home in Coal Valley. John Engstrom spent Thursday in the tri-cities. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Connor were Sherrard visitors Thursday. Adam Benham was a Kewanee visitor the past week. Tim McVeaty has moved into James Hallstone's house.

Miss Zora Granko, a young woman, age 23, of this place, died at the home of her brother-in-law, Tony Cuchan, Monday morning. Miss Granko came here from Iowa about fifteen months ago to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Cuchan. Death was caused from consumption. Funeral services were held from the church Tuesday. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Viola. Father Welch of Alledo was in charge of the services.

John Ramsden has purchased a half interest in a hardware store in Viola. He will take possession in a short time. Peter Connor and Art Rosen were in Davenport Sunday. Charles Kirchman and son Floyd, were Rock Island visitors Sunday.

Christmas Shopping.

Best things at lowest prices are advertised in The Argus.

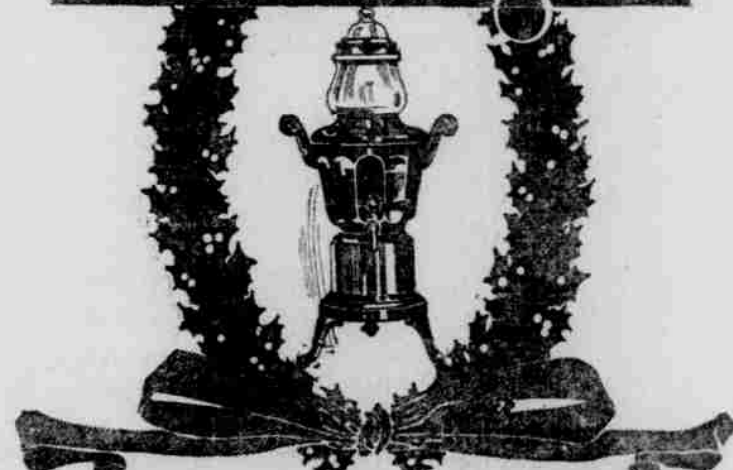
COLORED BOY FAILS TO APPEAR IN COURT

Magistrate Frank Gustafson in Moline police court yesterday entered a default on the \$100 bonds under which Robert Strickland, young colored boy charged with having shot Henry Porter, another negro, is now at liberty. Strickland failed to put in an appearance at the station at the time set for hearing of his

case. The magistrate has given the defendant and bondsman until Dec. 7 to show cause why the bond shall not be declared forfeited. John Rose is the bondsman.

Attorneys for Strickland declared that appearance was not necessary because it was the intention of the grand jury to indict the young man. The magistrate intimated, however, that in view of a possible indictment he wished Strickland's presence in court for the purpose of increasing the bond.

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